(c) whether Government will be able to set up these airports before the Commonwealth Games 2010; and

(d) if not, how Government will be able to tackle the heavy traffic of chartered and private planes over the skies of major cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The Government wishes to expand the aviation infrastructure hence it has approved setting up of second airport at Navi Mumbai near Mumbai through Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. There are also proposals for setting up of a second airport near Delhi and Chennai.

(c) No, Sir. These airports are not planned to cater to commonwealth Games.

(d) to meet the growing air passenger traffic, capacities of the existing airports are being enhanced and new Greenfield Airports are being encouraged to be set up.

Workers engaged at Airports

†1481. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether contract workers, daily wagers, casual labours working on airports have submitted any memorandum to Government regarding their wages and other facilities;

(b) whether Government is considering to regularize them;

(c) whether Ministry has any proposal to provide at least consolidated pay to these poor workers; and

(d) if so, by when it would be provided and amount thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The contract workers are engaged by the contractors. They are being paid wages and other facilities, as per the statutory provisions, by such contractors. As such, Airports authority of India (AAI)/Government are not required statutorily to regularise them. No daily wagers or casual labours are engaged by the AAI.

(c) and (d) do not arise.

Use of redundant Airports

1482. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) has any plans to encourage the establishment of pilot training academies in Hyderabad;

(b whether it is a fact that redundant Airports could be used for such development of aviation infrastructure; and

(c) the details of steps the AAI would take to preserve, develop and nurture aviation infrastructure in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to establish an Integrated Aviation Training Academy at existing International Airport at Begumpet, Hyderabad, once the commercial aircraft operations are shifted to new greenfield airport at Shamshabad.